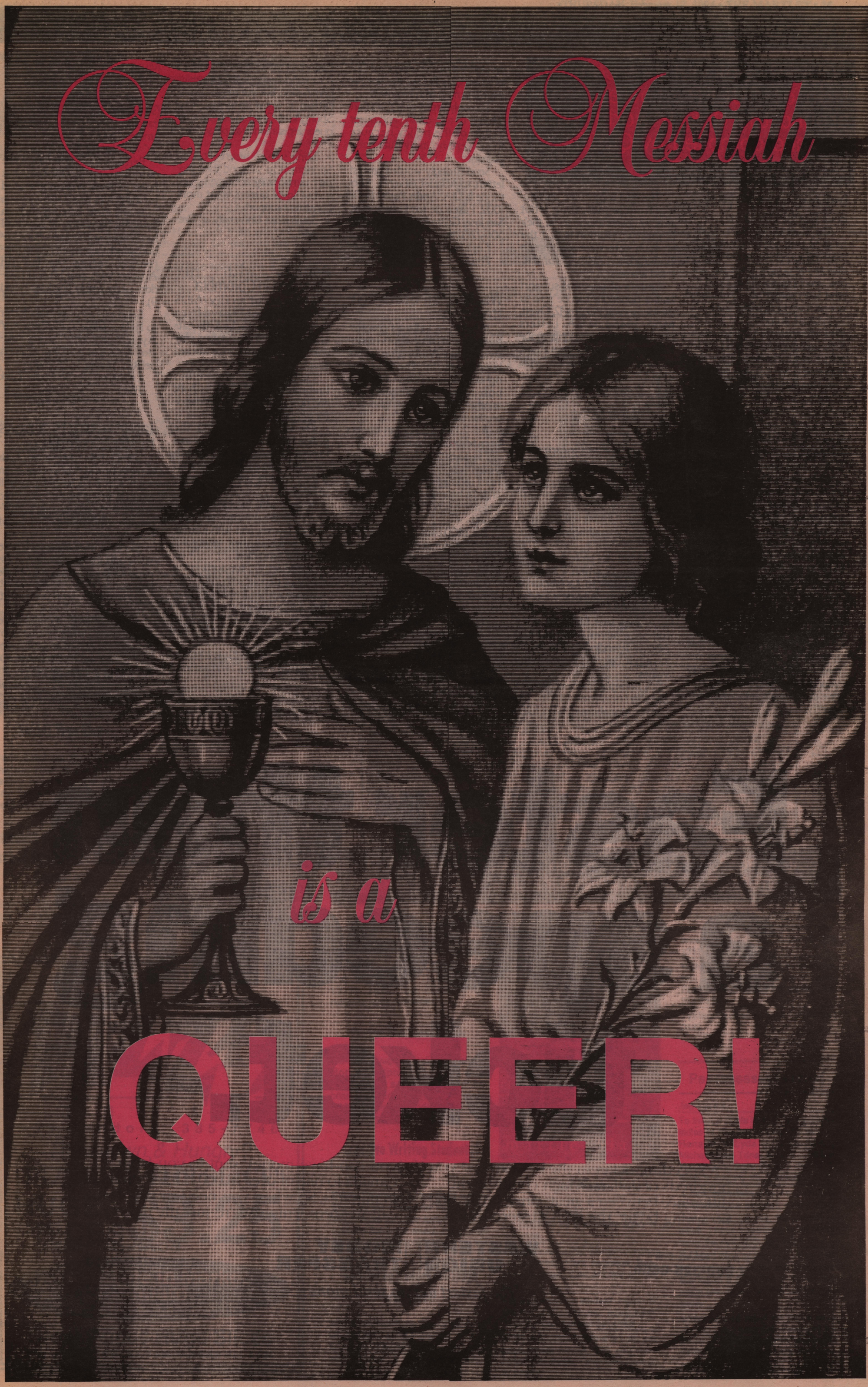
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Indiana may reverse anti-queer trend

The state of Indiana is likely to soon pass a Hate Crimes Bill that will explicitly outlaw hate directed at queers. Over the last few years the norm has been to pass laws explicitly excluding queers from legal protection.

Indiana's proposed bill is modeled after similar legislation in Wisconsin which survived a constitutional challenge in the Supreme Court last year.

Craig Resta and Ron Buckmire

U.S. Lesbians under attack!

The treatment of two Mississippi lesbians exemplifies systemic discrimination in the land below us where life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is for straights only.

Wanda and Brenda Henson are long-time social activists and lesbian partners. Their recent activities organizing 'Camp Sister Spirit' have raised the fiery opposition of 12 local Baptist leaders and their homophobic ministries.

The Hensons have found that organizing a lesbian camp can mean getting a dead dog tied to your mailbox and receiving routine discrimination in your community.

The riled Baptists are still having trouble indicating what exactly upsets them - so far their biggest accusation is that the Henson sisters are running an 'underground railroad' for battered women.

Letters of personal support and/or donations can be sent to the Hensons at PO Box 12, Ovett, MISS 39464, U.S.A. Letters protesting the civil rights violations can be sent to Janet Reno, Attorney General, Justice Dept., 2143 10th St. & Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530, U.S.A.

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International University expels queers

Despite tremendous opposition from students, the Universidad Internacional de las Americas (UIA) is upholding its policy of expelling queer students.

The first real protest occurred last Aug. 15 when a student wrote a letter to *La Nacion*, a Costa Rican daily newspaper, opposing UIA's anti-queer policy.

A week later, UIA took out a full-page advertisement in *La Nacion* defending their policy by saying it upholds Costa Rican values.

A non-governmental AIDS organization took UIA to the constitutional court, who ruled on Dec. 9 that the university violated equality before the law for expelling men with long hair.

The only problem is the court refused to rule on the anti-queer nature of the policy because there were no individual complainants.

Send strongly-worded protest letters to Miguel Alverez, Rector de la UIA, Apdo. Postal 1447-1002, Paseo de los Estudiantes, San Jose, Costa Rica. Or fax it to 506-22-3216.

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Washington State contradictory

In between Indiana's progressiveness and Mississippi's repressiveness lies Washington, where lawmakers ride the fence of rights and repression - two proposed laws are anti-queer and another supports civil-rights protection for queers.

Bill 2398 would ban queers from fostering children.

"In short, before one can become a foster parent, one must register with the State as a lifetime heterosexual," said a University of Washington queer group.

Bill 2400 bans queerness from being "presented, promoted, or approved as positive, normal behaviour" in public schools.

On the other hand, Bill 1443 would guarantee civil rights to queer Washingtonians.

Hands Off, University of Washington

Sony tries to shove aside queers

The Sony corporation had been known as queer-positive for explicitly supporting non-discrimination, but the mega-corporation is now moving into Springfield, Oregon where anti-queer legislation was passed last year.

Sony's big heart forced Springfield to suspend their bigotry temporarily as Sony moved in, but local queers want more consistent support.

Sarah Ross, University of Oregon

People with HIV attacked in Colombia

Residents of an HIV/AIDS hospice in Bogota have been consistently attacked, threatened, and intimidated by unknown assailants since late last year.

On Dec. 14, the hospice was firebombed. No one was hurt, and police guarded the residence for a couple of days.

On Jan. 4, soon after the police left, six armed assailants looted the hospice and threatened the lives of all 30 residents if they did not leave the neighbourhood.

People with the HIV virus in Colombia are determined to stay in their homes, and with international pressure their safety will be better protected.

Write letters supporting the safety of people with AIDS/HIV to Cesar Trujillo, Presidente de la Republica de Colombia, Palacio de Nario, Sante fe de Bogota. Or fax el presidente at 57-1-286-7324 or -7434.

International Gay Lesbian Human Rights Commission

Miss Gay Tijuana frightens local authorities

Last year's Miss Gay Tijuana (scheduled for Dec. 18) had to be cancelled because the local government found it out of "harmony" with the community.

Perhaps local officials were more upset with the fact that none of them were nominated for the competition.

In any case, banning such an innocent gathering of beautiful fun is against Mexico's constitution, which guarantees equal protection before the law (in Articles 1,4,8, and 13) and freedom of assembly (Articles 5 and 9).

Send out your protest letter to Hector Jaime, Presidente XIV Ayuntamiento de Tijuana, Palacio Municipal de Tijuana, Zona del Rio, Tijuana, BC, Mexico.

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Japan restricts access to AIDS Conference

Ironically enough, the 10th International Conference on AIDS this August in Japan will exclude sex workers, convicted drug users, and possibly HIV-positive people because of Japanese law.

Because the conference is so soon, and its representativeness depends on attendance from the HIV community, you are urgently requested to send protest letters.

Send letters to Morihiro Hosokawa, Prime Minister of Japan, 2-3-1 Nagatacho, Choyo-da-Ku, Tokyo 100, JAPAN. Or fax it to 81-3-3503-2889.

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Lesbian mom targets homophobia

by Adrienne Mercer

Homophobia is tough to combat, even for the most vocal and dedicated.

Tomi Ishida, a UVic student and lesbian mother, has been doing it for a long time. Two weeks ago, she started doing it for a living.

Ishida just started a one-year contract as an anti-homophobia worker for North Island AIDS Coalition.

Moving from Victoria to the Comox Valley has been a big change for Ishida, but she sees it as a positive step.

"Homophobia is alive and rampant in rural communities," said Ishida. "There's a lot going on here, we're just getting started."

The goal of the coalition is to implement anti-discrimination policies into businesses and organizations throughout the community.

Ishida explained discrimination is the primary barrier to AIDS education and community support for people with AIDS.

"A lot of people who are closed-minded just don't know the facts, or don't want to know," she said.

As a woman of colour, and a lesbian mom, Ishida has encountered her share of discrimination.

"A lot of times, people don't look past the fact that I'm a woman of colour," she said. "Then they find out I'm lesbian, and WELL!"

Ishida hasn't had the opportunity to work with the public yet, because the project is still in its planning stages.

"Right now, we are trying to establish links with target groups, gay and lesbian groups for example," she said.

"We have a gay and lesbian steering committee, which will meet on Friday for the first time. That meeting should generate a lot of ideas."

Eventually, the committee hopes to train speakers to educate about discrimination and homophobia.

Printed and visual material is also being compiled.

"Our hope is to establish anti-discrimination guidelines for community agencies to follow," said Ishida. "We're working on a questionnaire right now, to assess the needs of various target groups. We'll get a good idea of where the problems lie, and then go from there."

"The best thing about the project is that it's very holistic. It recognizes that discrimination is widespread, and doesn't just focus on homophobia."▼

Students take sides on outing

by Melissa Svendsen

Christopher Lefler's outing of a prominent woman in Saskatchewan politics upsets me for two reasons.

First, a man took it upon himself to make things more difficult for a women in public life.

Lefler is privileged by virtue of having a penis, regardless of where he chooses to put it. I understand his maleness hasn't spared him the fallout of his action, but this does not negate the difference between his life chances as a man, and her life chances as a woman.

(If AIDS had ripped through the shabby houses of East Van, rather than the posh apartments of the West End, would society care as much as it does?)

Second, if we want to cast a chill over people's emotional and sexual lives, tearing away the veil separating their private selves from their public selves is a good way to go about it.

The woman in question appears to have been privately "out" but publicly "in the closet." While her friends and acquaintances knew she was a lesbian, the rest of the province did not.

Perhaps her parents "know but don't know," and would be mortified to read about it in the papers. Perhaps they would stop going to the Senior's Centre to play bridge for fear of discreet questions and knowing looks.

Perhaps her partner's parents "know but don't know." Perhaps she feels her gender and ethnicity have been sufficient challenges for one person to meet.

She is not homophobic in her public life. She does not go around saying homosexuality is a disease or is destroying the family. The worst that can be said of her is that she's sitting this battle out.

Given that she doesn't intend to come out publicly, what should she do? Opt for life-long celibacy? Or hide her love from her friends - and the prying eyes of Lefler - by keeping her sex life and her social life strictly apart?

It's true that the more people come out publicly, the easier coming out publicly will become, but the decision must remain a personal one.

When a woman can't make love with another woman without a man shouting it from the rooftops, we've come to a sorry pass.▼

by Bryan Young

"Outing" is a misnomer.

The closet was a place invented by homophobes to hide the shameful and ensure our silence. As an invention, this closet does not exist if we decide there is nothing shameful about homosexual desire.

Our desire is not something that needs to be hidden except for those who think it is "wrong." For those of us who feel same-sex desire without guilt, this closet has no substance because it carries with it no shame. How then is it possible to be out of a space that doesn't exist?

What is shameful about saying someone is lesbian, when being lesbian is something to be celebrated, not denigrated? Why is it the person who is proud of her or his sexuality gets blamed for that pride when they say there are others out there who experience same-sex desire?

The blame is misplaced.

We should save that venom and Old Testament rage for the guilty ones: the cowards in power who turn their backs on the deaths, beatings, and persecution of people like themselves who suffer for their desire.

To reduce the argument to that of supposed anatomical privilege is simplistic and erroneous. Where does the female reporter for CBNC in Saskatoon fit in, for instance.

She wanted to participate in the destigmatization of homosexuality by telling Sylvia Fedoruk and the Canadian public closets don't exist. Is she a female who has been co-opted by the privileged phallus? I think not.

We are talking about people in power who are safe, who have security, who have money, and have done nothing to counter the deaths, the beatings, the persecutions. These people are parasites, who live off the gains made by others for the sake of future generations of queers.

And this is not to say they should be singled out from the violently homophobic who actually do the pulpit-pounding and parkbashing. But they play a crucial part in the maintenance of a deathly pall of silence that has killed and maimed thousands of us. Social embarrassment just isn't worth a damn when there's a war going on.

Those in the closets of power siphon off that sweat from the oh-so-advantaged men and women who are agitating for change at the bottom so the truly privileged can enjoy their excesses, their tenure, their closeted empty privileges.

Don't blame those who stand up for the rights of others to desire freely. Blame those who are out to stall those advances. Although we all share blame, there are those who are more complicit than others with the forces that prevent us from living full lives.

I choose to draw that line at a different place.▼

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Cruising the Net

by Gabe Guenette

Computers are offering the queer community new possibilities for intimate and thought provoking exchanges.

Two chat lines known as GAY-SEX and JACK-OFF on the Internet could be the outlet you've been waiting for.

These are only two of the many CHAT lines available through UVic's Internet account or Victoria Freenet. Freenet has no fees but full access is not available.

Internet is a myriad of computers connected worldwide, each know as a site, and contains services for everyone.

If you're an activist or an 18-year-old exploring his or her sexuality, the Internet provides you with an almost anonymous way of communicating with people from around the world that may have similar interests to your own.

For some, talking by computer may be a lot easier than communicating on a face to face basis. You can communicate with people at your own leisure and direct contact is not necessary. You are able to type your message at your own pace, editing it until it's just right.

A very common form of communication on the Internet is in the form of a "list." A list is a compilation of messages various people send to the "list server." The messages are then sent to all people subscribing to the list.

Lists are available for various subjects: ACT-UP activities, gay-themed discussions, strategies against right wing organizations, etc.

Through the Internet you can also access the latest information on AIDS from various sources worldwide. One very useful resource is Ben Gardiner's AIDS BBS, accessible from the University of California. You can locate the latest statistics, the newest therapies and much more.

"The individual is now capable of establishing lines of communication with other individuals and organizations," said John Hancock, volunteer at AIDS Vancouver Island. "Information is available to more people and more people are being able to access this up to date information a lot quicker."

Different information is available on various sites. If you need a list of famous gay people, the latest gay-themed film or music album or a review of such, you will find these on the Net.

To access these services	6. California 48. UCB Bisexual/Lesbian/Gay/Queer Gopher
Victoria Freenet 595-2300 14400 bps Voice 389-6026	This is probably the best starting point for anyone interested in Queer issues.
Once you're on Freenet, type in the following menu choices starting from the main menu:	Electronic Bulletin Board Phone Numbers:
7. Local/Global Community Center 7. United Nations Development Program Gopher 10. Other Gopher & Information Servers 8. North America 4. USA	Vancouver Dykes Express 263-1989 Gay Exchange 540-7041 Butch's BBS 681-5223 Lambda Speaks 681-3667 Kitsilano 683-0421 PC Workshop 687-0913

You can locate the address of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) or GLAAD or even the latest article of *OUT* magazine ('Gaydar: Gay radar'). And check out The Newstand on Freenet; look at motss under the soc heading.

What ever you're looking for, it's probably available on the Internet, even an electronic shoulder to cry on. Unfortunately there is no main services directory. If you want something, the best way to find it is to ask. If you are too shy just keep searching and sooner or later you will come across something interesting.

Happy computer cruising!▼

Customs homophobic

by Brian Brown

Big Brother is trying for thought control, but this Little Sister is fighting back!

Later this year, Canada Customs will be facing a lawsuit from Little Sister's bookstore and the B.C. Civil Liberties Union.

Little Sister's is a gay and lesbian bookstore in Vancouver. For a number of years, Little Sister's has lost many thousands of dollars because Canada Customs routinely detains or seizes shipments of books headed there.

Since 1986, customs have seized or detained over 5,000 works headed for bookstores like Little Sister's (Vancouver), Everywoman's Books (Victoria), Woman to Woman (Edmonton) and Glad Day (Toronto).

Although the books are labelled "obscene", the decisions are arbitrary and unevenly applied.

For example, depictions of anal sex are acceptable in the heterosexual *The Joy of Sex*, but "obscene" in *The Joy of Gay Sex*. It seems anything pertaining to gays, lesbians or feminists can be stopped at the border. Even community magazines like *the Advocate* and *Guide* have been confiscated.

P.E.N. International, a 12,000 member human rights organization, has implored the Canadian government to take action against this censorship.

Opponents of these seizures say Canada Customs is violating the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees Freedom of Speech and forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

It does seem certain bookstores are targeted, because an "obscene" book can often make it to mainstream places like Coles and Smithbooks, while the same book is seized en route to gay and lesbian bookstores.

Inland Books, the largest publisher of small-press material in the U.S., counts 15 per cent of its titles as gay or lesbian. They are frustrated with the losses they suffer due to Canada Custom's tactics.

The drawbacks are multiple: lost sales for both the publishers and the stores; reluctance to order materials for fear of seizure; lack of confidence in a governmental institution; and finally, denied access to the public of perfectly legal erotica.

Canada Customs was repeatedly unavailable for comment.▼

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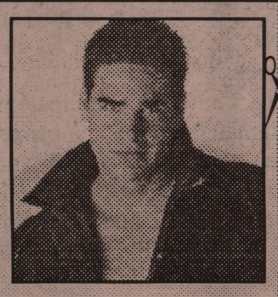
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Homo bar highlights controversy

by Dave Clements and Meeeshachan

Fighting accusations that his club is allowing queer space to be colonized by heterosexuals, and a negative article in *the Martlet* last year, Rumors' owner Terry Froud is speaking out - but this hasn't quieted all his critics.

"We ensure that no [gay or lesbian] will be hurt or offended [in our club] ... I don't solicit straight business. I don't want straight business. I only want straight friends of gay clientele."

Last February's *Martlet* article featured accusations by some lesbians that bouncers do not stop sexism and homophobia within the bar.

"We have a policy of allowing only gays and their friends -family, co-workers, fellow students. If there is a problem we will act on it. We will talk to the gay person and ask them to remove their friend or leave also."

However, some members of the gay and lesbian community aren't convinced, and want stronger actions taken to ensure the bar is a "queers only" space.

"I don't feel comfortable dancing with or kissing my girlfriend. People (straight people) stare and het men try to hit on both of us," said Kairn Ritchie, a club-goer.

"I don't feel like I'm in any physical danger, or else we wouldn't go. It's just annoying."

Froud said his employees are quick to correct any problems in the club.

"If anybody has a problem they should talk to the staff ... they are there to serve the clientele, and that is the gay person," said Froud. "We're not going to tolerate trouble in the bar."

Many lesbians and gay men want the bar to enforce a "queers only" policy at the door, but Froud does not see this as plausible.

"Last year we [gays and lesbians] got our rights [the Charter of Rights and Freedoms prohibition against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation]. We can't reverse discriminate against straights."

Some have accused Froud of allowing heterosexuals into the bar for economic reasons, but he has denied these accusations of profit motive.

"If I did, I would stop giving to all the causes I do," said Froud, who is a major supporter of local lesbian and gay sports teams and the annual Gay Pride Picnic, and is also a member of the Board of Directors of AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI).

However, the debate over who should go to the bar rages on in all circles.

"I don't think [non-queers] should go [to Rumors]," said Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance member Kate Campbell. "It would be all right sometimes, but I think they should regard it as a privilege rather than a right. Do they [heterosexuals] have to go everywhere?"

"Het women I can tolerate as long as they're not all over a man - in my face. Het men? No way. They're only there for voyeuristic reasons," said Nancy Pang, another LGBA member.

Froud suggested some ways heterosexuals should conduct themselves while in the gay bar.

"Don't be offended when you get approached [by a gay man or lesbian]. Don't kiss your straight partner - I don't want to enforce that but gays don't seem to want straights kissing in their bars ... be gay-positive."▼

Queers form alliance

by Robb Stewart

Queer and Pissed Off?

With that poster headline the Queer Rights Alliance (QRA) formed as a community-based organization in Victoria which works toward human rights for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals and for equality in the legal, political and social spheres of our society.

Active since last summer, the QRA currently has several working committees: MediaWatch, the Anti-Violence Project, the Queer Centre (Victoria) committee, and an Educational/Awareness committee.

The QRA's present project is a gift-basket raffle to raise money for the Little Sister's Books Court Challenge Fund, to fight Canada Customs' discrimination and harassment of gay and lesbian bookstores.

The MediaWatch committee recently met with Syd Tafler, editor of *Monday Magazine*, to discuss the lack of queer community coverage in *Monday*. The QRA was able to open some lines of communication with staff writers, and is hoping the situation will improve.

The Anti-Violence Project, recently initiated in response to hate-motivated violent assaults (gay-bashings) in Victoria, is readying to launch a large educational campaign in the Victoria area.

This campaign will include postering, networking with police and queer businesses, the creation of a "hotline" phone number for victims of assault, exploration into programs of self-defence and protection, and lobbying of the Victoria police to pressure them to begin to collect data on hate-motivated crimes.

Discussion is already underway for the establishment of a queer centre in Victoria.

Anyone interested in assisting or anyone knowing of financing opportunities please contact the QRA at: Suite 618, 620 View St. Victoria, B.C. V8W 1J6.▼

UN supports families - some families

by Jason Mercier

The United Nations has proclaimed 1994 as the Year of the Family, but it's not clear what the UN definition of "family" is and how that will affect which groups receive support.

Miranda Duffy, University of Victoria Students' Society director-at-large, said "[The Year of the Family] is a good thing, contingent upon what the definition of family is. If they are including extended families and homosexual relationships as part of their definition, I would encourage that."

Although the United Nations proclamation does include a flexible, inclusive definition of what family is, it is apparent not everyone is happy with where the funding is being distributed so far.

Garth Chunder, a member of International Socialists, said: "Most of the groups funded so far are family coalitions and right-wing groups which promote homophobia."

He said the anti-gay and anti-choice movement in the U.S. and those specifically involved with the appeal to Amendment 2 in Colorado are arguing "Homosexuality is destructive to the family."

"Since the end of the Cold War, the United Nations has played a destructive role in the world. I don't think they have done much for families in Somalia and Iraq. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank are the cause of untold sufferings of the world's poor families and poor women," said Chunder.

Duffy thinks the "traditional" nuclear family is a "tiny minority" of families, and these families tend to be more "limiting and oppressive."

She said this type of family "delegitimiz[es] the fact other social groupings exist.

...the "traditional" nuclear family is a "tiny minority" of families...

"The traditional family has been used throughout history to marginalize those not in that type of family and [has] told you that if you don't have one, or you don't live in one, there must be something wrong with you."

Duffy said, "The family is more than biology. It is the people whom you love and [who] love you. You don't have to be blood-related."

Society is creating non-traditional solutions to the question of what a family is, and to not recognize this is "reprehensible," said Duffy.

The annual proclamation has helped many marginalized groups such as women and indigenous peoples gain widespread recognition around the world.

Groups promoting the family can receive funds to promote various issues such as education, disabilities, cultural heritage and child care.▼

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"they taught me different is wrong." - Ani Difranco

As queers we live with the doubleness of difference. From without we are persecuted for not upholding the straight world's ideas of "normal". Yet on the inside, we still eat our own, struggling to remain a cohesive front as we disagree vehemently about how we represent ourselves to each other and to the straight community.

The call for diversity, a call that we hope will create a tolerant atmosphere for queers to exist in this culture, is also a call which we need to heed when we sit down to our own small meetings and attempt to create revolution. How can diversity and unity co-exist? Not very easily. Yet co-exist we must.

The recent incarnation of the Queer movement is an example of an attempt at unity in diversity. Dykes are attempting to unite with gay men to work toward change for us all. The AIDS crisis has done a lot to facilitate this union. Yet some of these dykes may very well have cut their political teeth in the lesbian separatist movement and be struggling to reconcile themselves to working with men. For female feminists, being queer is not enough. Dykes need for gay men to be able to examine their sexism and privilege and not recreate our silence for them.

Gay men have often experienced a bewildering array of condescending attitudes from political lesbians, often that as males they will never be capable of being truly political.

Politicized gay men have their own struggles as the AIDS crisis has forced their agenda into the public eye. Lacking the feminist movement upon which to base their political actions, it has been a fruitful union for politicized dykes to join with gay men and inform the queer movement with a feminist politic.

Another interesting child of this union has been the inspiration for lesbians to explore and express their sexuality and sexual practice. S/M dykes have openly acknowledged the influence of gay male sexual practice upon theirs. Over the 15 years since S/M began to be debated in the lesbian community, lesbian sexuality has undergone an expansion of definition and of practice which is beginning to echo the diversity of sexual practice that gay men have been exploring since before the invention of the butt plug.

The result: a politicized gay male community and a sexualized lesbian community - the Queer nation emerges.

But not without a lot of bloodshed - from within and without. Many of our differences will never be resolved. There are lesbians who will never work with men. Period. There are men who will continue to be misogynist despite all efforts by lesbians and gay men to politicize them. There are complaints that when *Newsweek* runs a cover with two upwardly-mobile white gay males as representative of the Queer Nation, lesbians, i.e. women, have once again been effectively erased — let alone women of colour, people with disabilities, poor dykes, leather dykes and faggots who may very well be struggling with a terminal illness. You know the one I mean.

So why bother? If we just can't seem to get along, if our diversity is in fact crippling, then why do we continue to strive for some kind of united front?

Because difference is not crippling. In fact, difference is the spark which fires our imaginations and our actions. It lights our anger. Its expression creates a healthy dynamic culture. Its denial creates death. And we have enough of that already.

Two weeks ago Victoria gay man Garth Hill was murdered in a hate-motivated crime. A gay bashing. As we struggle internally to reconcile the reality of our differences, we are rudely shocked awake by the fact that our "differentness" is still used to kill us - not figuratively but actually. And if there is any reason for which we must unite and struggle to present ourselves as a cohesive whole, it is this.

Perhaps those who bash and hate, or accept these behaviours in their community, could learn to embrace the fire of difference themselves. We could all benefit from the resulting transformation.

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Dates to remember

Editors:

RE: Academic sessions and the Commonwealth Games

May I use your columns to remind students of the adjustments to Summer Session 1994 and to the Fall Term 1994 approved by the University Senate to accomodate the Commonwealth Games.

Summer Session 1994

Course contact hours will be maintained in all sequences with a slight increase in class meeting times offsetting a slight reduction in course durations. The first class each day will begin at 8:00 a.m. instead of the usual 8:30 a.m. start. Summer Session will end on 15 August before the Games begin on 18 August. Details are as follows (see 1993-4 University Calendar, page 4):

Sequence

A:	9 May	30 May
M:	9 May	20 June
J:	31 May	20 June
K:	2 May	22 July
(exams: 26 July-4 Aug)		
P:	4 July	22 July
R:	4 July	15 August
Q:	25 July	15 August

Fall Term 1994

The start of the Fall Term is to be delayed to allow time to prepare the campus for the return of students following termination of the Games. In compensation, the end of term is also to be delayed. Reading Break is maintained and the exam period ends on Wednesday, 21 December as originally scheduled.

Details are as follows:

Start of term:Monday, 12 September
Reading Break:Wednesday, 9 November-Friday, 11 November
End of Term:Wednesday, 7 December
Exam Period Thursday, 8 December-Wednesday, 21 December

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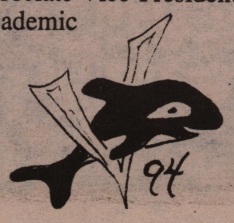

Riding the PC horse

Editors:

Firstly, the reason that some of us 'whinge' is because of our **forced subscription** Student's Society fees to *the Martlet*). If *the Martlet* was optional and I had to pay for it every week, I would probably buy a coffee instead.

Secondly, because you volunteer your time doesn't mean I should volunteer mine just because I don't like what I read. Your statement is very similar to one made by Kim Campbell stating that people shouldn't complain about the government if they don't belong to a political party.

And then there's this little lie about not printing hate. You immediately contradicted yourself by finishing the editorial with "So fuck off." Forgive me if I'm mistaken, but those kind of words usually produce strong feelings in the people who they are directed at and are usually spoken by people expressing a strong feeling. That feeling, if is not hate, is pretty close to it.

Finally, you seem to have forgotten that a newspaper is written for the readers. It doesn't exist so that a few people can sit up on their high horses and try to impose their concept of 'politically correct' on the rest of us plebs. In terms of journalistic value *the Martlet* lacks discipline. There are other publications that write about things that make people uncomfortable but they don't blow their top every time they get criticised. If you are too proud to accept criticism, the you are indeed in trouble.

Katherine Tevaarwerk

Leaning on the peak

Editors:

I just wanted to say how surprised and delighted I was with your February 3 editorial. Just when I thought that the editorial staff at *the Martlet* had reached the peak of hypocrisy and self-righteousness, this piece sets a new standard. Your claims of inclusiveness belie the fact that every student on campus knows the editorial staff leans heavily to the left. Your "Christians" and "capitalists" are obviously only trusted with the sports section. My student fees support your paper. It would do you well not to forget that. If *the Martlet* was financially self sufficient you could tell those who disagree with you where to go. Until such a time, deal with it. As for the literate and thoughtful ending to your editorial, I for one am tired of your pathetic attempts to shock and offend the student population. As usual, in your bid to be controversial you only succeeded in demonstrating your own ignorance and narrow-mindedness.

Jamie Elmhirst

Feces alert

Editors:

The editorial cartoon of the January 27th issue of the Fartlet asks if anyone was offended by the recent little cartoon about the castration clinic. My answer is yes and no. I wasn't exactly offended in the sense of "OH, HOW OFFENSIVE!" The Wartlet is so zealously dedicated to printing material aimed at pissing off readers that I was not at all shocked by the cartoon. However, I was definitely annoyed at the fact that this rag, which is so insistent on printing politically-correct horse feces that it claims to do so twice in every issue (under the masthead and on the funny page), decided to go for the double-standard. You would obviously and rightly shit bricks at the sight of such a cartoon aimed at women, but apparently it's really funny to publish one about castrating men (all of whom are potential John Bobbitts and Marc Lepines anyway, right?). You're probably the best customers that the Lorena Bobbitt T-shirt sales people have had. OK, everyone is entitled to their own opinion, even uptight self-righteous politically-correct "journalists" with permanent anal blockage, but you could at least be CONSISTENT about it. Get your shit together; I certainly won't be wiping mine with future issues of the Barflet.

Russ Allert

opinion

Quote o' the week:
"Disco got me through calculus."

Suzanne Hodges

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I'm not homophobic, but...

Editors:

This is a letter to express my objection to the amount of this student newspaper that it is allocated to promote the homosexual viewpoints. I am in no way prejudiced toward any group (except maybe Country Line Dancers) but feel that the disproportionate amount of consideration is not right. From the all gay issue to the barrage of labeling people 'Homophobic' for their views, I feel as though you are constantly misusing your power as a publication. I believe your alienation of many of the students at this school throught your one sidedness is wrong and is not the goal of a STUDENT newspaper.

I do not wish to start an argument over my attitude toward the gay issue, but I believe your 'Brownshirt' attitude toward anything you deem homophobic is not helping your cause at all. You claim to be promoting the freedom to express yourself and yet you are creating an atmosphere that makes it difficult to have an opposing opinion without being criticized for it. This action is not unlike that of the systems you constantly call oppressive for discrimating against the gays.

This is supposed to be a newspaper for and about the students. Please keep the personal interests to a minimum and instead concentrate on what the other 99% of the population is doing. Just because *the Martlet* staff is on a crusade to promote homosexuality doesn't mean the whole school shares your view.

Besides, I also find the idea of fornication with animals distasteful, but would you call me a Beastialityphobe??

Pod Ahmadi

It's money that matters

Editors:

As I paid my $59.95 to the U-VIC Student Society today, I recalled an afternoon in September, of this school year in which my friends and I discussed the absurdity of the UVSS's reasoning for fee hikes. I don't recall whether us fourteen thousand students were pooling our hard earned dollars together to save the whales, trees, or homosexuals, nor do I care to exert my time and energy trying to find out. The exact details of our expenditures don't concern me. My great concern is that we spend an enormous amount of money on issues that are not, or at least shouldn't be, U-VIC issues. Truthfully the only thing I see for my buck is the limited amount left wing rhetoric that I'm able to suffer through as I attempt to read your publications. Is our campus paper this way because the number of socialist students at U-VIC is completely overwhelming? I think this is not the case; rather, I am the belief that we have a small group of extremists on our campus who the rest of us are too chicken shit to shut up for fear of being politically incorrect. Our socialist stance exemplified itself when the decision was made last month to up parking fees in order to subsidize bus fares. Just because I drive a car doesn't mean I have the cash to pay my peers way to school as well as my own.

I'm not the only student at this school who wants to learn how to make money here, and is afraid to admit it to fellow students that I don't know for fear of having to defend my desire for the next hour, as I have done so in the past. I'm not the only student who is not looking forward to seeing two men necking on the front page of our campus paper this month, as we did last year on Valentine's day. I'm not the only student here who voted for the Reform Party in the last federal election and was called a Fascist and a Nazi for doing so by ignorant peers.

I'm not asking for an uprising of those on my end of the political spectrum. All I ask is that *the Martlet*, the UVSS, and other organizations claiming to represent the entire student body do so. Let's see some representation of the majority for a change.

Micheal Harris

Make the poor pay

Editors:

This welfare wednesday everyone who is considered "employable" and receiving social assistance will have to come down to their office and pick up their check. Joy MacPhail insists that this and other measures (including roll back to single parent assistance) wil help stop massive "welfare fraud" and save the government $20 million. She'll make the poor pay the deficit!

Having people line up in order catch "cheats" implies that unemployed are all potential criminals. In the cotext of severe recession or "jobless recovery" THIS IS SCAPEGOATING! Further, the Social Planning and Research Counsil has determined that less than 2% of all cases are involved in any sort of "fraud".

The real criminals are the bosses and corporations that have gotten away with paying less and less taxes, shifting the burden to the working class and unemployed.

People on welfare currently live 40%-60% below the poverty line. Welfare rates have not increased, but the cost of living has.

This round of attacks represents only the thin edge of the wedge of a broader war against the poor, women, gays and lesbians, immigrants, workers and others!

On Welfare Wednesday, Feb 23, join groups like End Legislated Poverty, Food Not Bombs, Together Against Poverty, U Vic Women's Center, UVSS, International Socialists and many others in OPPOSING THIS CYNICAL ATTACK! Watch for posted info on campus.

THEY SAY CUTBACK - WE SAY FIGHTBACK

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!

Garth Chunder
International Socialists

Help Charlene on her feet

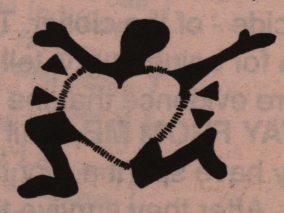
Editors:

During the week of January the 24th, a segment aired on both CHEK-TV and BCTV which prompted me to write this letter. The report told the story of a woman named Charlene Clark, a Simon Fraser University student who is suffering from Anerexia Nervosa. Standard Medical procedures have been unsuccessful at helping her. Desperate for help, Charlene's parents have turned to Montreux Counselling, a private centre which has had more than a 90% success rate at treating people who have suffered from this disease. Unfortunately, BC care does not cover the $16 000 a month fee, which is half the price of care for Charlene in a regular hospital.

At the moment, the director of Montreux Counselling has waived fees. Charlene arrived at the centre, a counsellor told her that this was the first step of a new beginning for her. I think that Victorians should help her make that "first step" by making a donation to Montreux Counselling. Anerexia Nervosa is not simply an eating problem, it is a disease which affects one's self-esteem. By showing that we care, this city could play a direct role in Charlene's recovery.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Tony Sansom



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Queers read this:

I hate having to convince straight people that lesbians and gays live in a war zone, that we're surrounded by bomb blasts only we seem to hear, that our bodies are heaped high, dead from fright or bashed or raped, dying of grief or disease, stripped of our personhood.

I hate straight people who can't listen to queer anger without saying, "Hey, all straight people aren't like that. I'm straight too, you know," as if their egos don't get enough stroking or protection in this arrogant, heterosexist world.....They've taught us that good queers don't get mad. They've taught us so well that we not only hide our anger from them, we hide from each other. **WE EVEN HIDE IT FROM OURSELVES**.....They bash us and stab us and shoot us and bomb us in ever-increasing numbers and still we freak when angry queers carry banners or signs that say **BASH BACK.....LET YOURSELF BE ANGRY.** Let yourself be angry that the price of our visibility is the constant threat of violence, anti-queer violence to which practically every segment of this society contributes. Let yourself feel angry that **THERE IS NO PLACE IN THIS COUNTRY WHERE WE ARE SAFE**, no place where we are not targeted for hatred and attack, the self-hatred, the suicide - of the closet. The next time some straight person comes down on you for being angry, tell them that until things change, you don't need any more evidence that the world turns at your expense.....Tell them **"GO AWAY FROM ME,** until **YOU** can change."....Tell them to go away until they have spent a month walking hand in hand with someone of the same sex. After they survive that, then you'll hear what they have to say about queer anger. Otherwise, tell them to shut up and listen.

Queer Nation

My Own Experien

I have known since I was twelve. At an early age, I had not used the term "gay" to describe myself. I just knew I was different, and it was something I had to keep hidden. Like many other gay youths, I had no self-esteem, I was depressed, but mostly I was just scared. I could think of nothing worse than people at school, and my family finding out my dark and horrible secret. It was certainly not an experience I would want to see for any kid growing up.

Luckily, I was strong enough to get through it, leaving the confines of high school for university. It took me a semester, but I finally decided I was ready to open those rusty doors and "come out." University was an entirely different space, and I just began to feel that my friends would accept me the way I was.

I followed through on my New Year's resolution and told one of my close friends. I have to admit, the first time was hard, but she was very supportive and I think then she accepted it better than I did. When I began to tell more of my friends, it became increasingly easier, and I realized that my fears had been blown a little out of proportion. I can't say in fact, that I had a single bad experience coming out to a friend. I guess if I had, it would not have been very important for me to keep the friendship. Each time I told a friend, however, I could see that I was making

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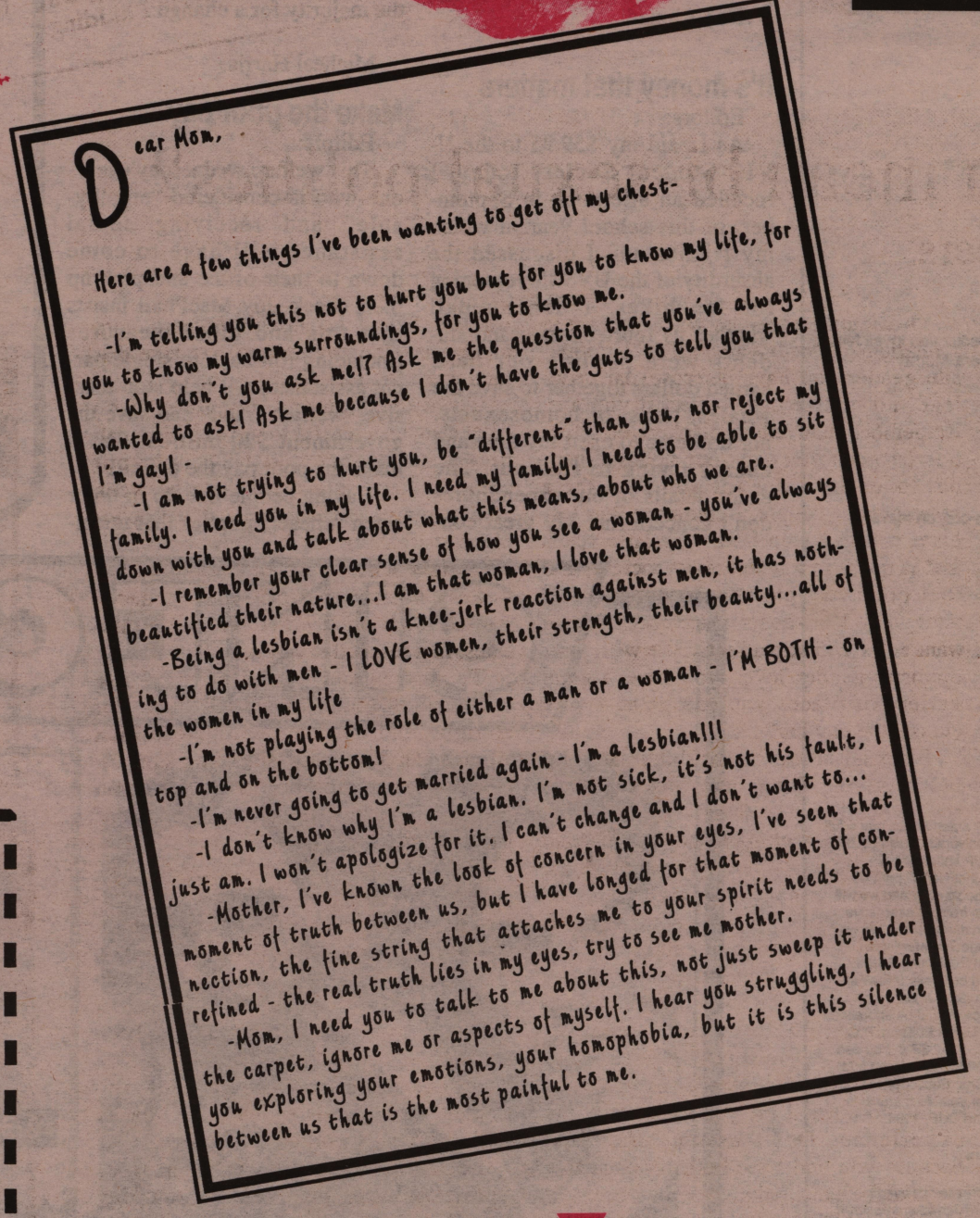

Dear Mom,

Here are a few things I've been wanting to get off my chest-

-I'm telling you this not to hurt you but for you to know my life, for you to know my warm surroundings, for you to know me.

-Why don't you ask me!? Ask me the question that you've always wanted to ask! Ask me because I don't have the guts to tell you that I'm gay! -

-I am not trying to hurt you, be "different" than you, nor reject my family. I need you in my life. I need my family. I need to be able to sit down with you and talk about what this means, about who we are.

-I remember your clear sense of how you see a woman - you've always beautified their nature...I am that woman, I love that woman.

-Being a lesbian isn't a knee-jerk reaction against men, it has nothing to do with men - I LOVE women, their strength, their beauty...all of the women in my life

-I'm not playing the role of either a man or a woman - I'M BOTH - on top and on the bottom!

-I'm never going to get married again - I'm a lesbian!!!

-I don't know why I'm a lesbian. I'm not sick, it's not his fault, I just am. I won't apologize for it. I can't change and I don't want to...

-Mother, I've known the look of concern in your eyes, I've seen that moment of truth between us, but I have longed for that moment of connection, the fine string that attaches me to your spirit needs to be refined - the real truth lies in my eyes, try to see me mother.

-Mom, I need you to talk to me about this, not just sweep it under the carpet, ignore me or aspects of myself. I hear you struggling, I hear you exploring your emotions, your homophobia, but it is this silence between us that is the most painful to me.

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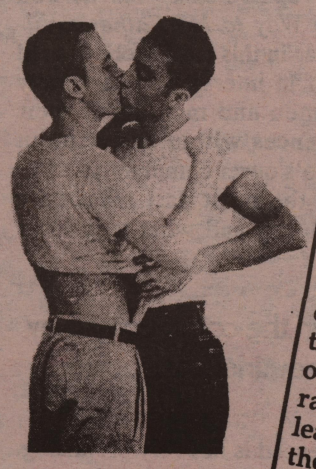
was realizing the importance of gay awareness, but I also that I needed to have a few gay friends, even just someone alk to. I walked in on my first LGBA meeting in September of t semester, and was instantly surrounded by a large support work. I couldn't believe it, everyone was gay. I could see m on campus and think, hey, I'm not the only one anymore. I ded up making a lot of good friends, and I was able to work ough a lot of my misconceptions and fears.
Becoming involved with the LGBA on a political level also me a lot of good, for my personal growth anyway. I felt powered, speaking out for my rights, and for the rights of ers. I think now that maybe in some small way, my coming and my political involvement will help so that gay youth will have to go through what I went through. In any case I know t I am helping myself.
t has been a little over a year since I first "came out" and I honestly say that it was one of the most important and uable decisions I have made. I feel now that I was wasting years I stayed in the closet. I finally know who I am, and I proud.
Michael Steele



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Maybe those eyes you made at me. maybe those eyes were just...looking.... Maybe.
I am. Maybe it matters to you. But I u. - anonymous

One frustrated soul's plight for understanding

Now this is just one gay man's opinions and resentments, a bitter-sweet cry for understanding. However, I do believe that I am not alone. I could begin this exposé by slamming our homophobic society, but that would not improve the situation. Essentially, the purpose here is to describe a few ideals I would like to see our society adopt.

First and foremost, I am tired of having to bottle up my sexuality in public, having to resort to either hiding at home or frequenting one of the two gay bars in town. How I long to be able to stroll hand in hand with my boyfriend in public, without people leering at us as if we are a couple of ungodly circus freaks. I dream of candlelight dinners at the restaurant of my choice and dancing cheek-to-cheek at any night-club in town.

Another issue I would like to address is the phenomenal struggle with being gay in this day and age. Now before the gay male confronts the world, he must begin by personally coming to terms with his sexuality. Once that obstacle has been hurdled, which I should add is no small feat, he needs to explore the gay lifestyle for himself. Then comes the biggest hurdle to overcome, namely how to contend with the homophobic population that makes up our everyday life. How to deal with people ranging from family to friends to colleagues and finally to the average joe on the street. Wouldn't it be nice if all that was needed was a single announcement, one that would be met by nothing but praise and compassion. Who am I kidding.

Dealing with homosexuality at any level, whether it be personal acceptance or "coming out" to your best friend, is an incredibly difficult burden to overcome, one that is even further weighted by society's homophobia.

To continue on a different note, I would like to state that while Victoria's gay scene is rather limited, many larger cities boast quite extensive scenes where the gay lifestyle has had the opportunity to flourish nicely. So all is not lost. This past summer I had a chance to visit what I believe to be the closest realistic interpretation of my utopian plight: the Aegean island of Mykonos (Greece.) Gay men from every corner of Europe and quite a substantial North American contingent (including this incredibly cute guy from San Francisco), easily account for 30 per cent of the vacationers on this resort island. Now whether it be this majority gay population, the sun, the beaches, the alcohol or the indifferent attitude of the locals, many factors do come into play in guaranteeing that public display of affection and sexual prowess is never frowned upon. In other words, I finally got the opportunity to kiss and stroll hand in hand in public, and gaze longingly into my friend's eyes over a plate of souvlaki.

So, whether you are a young gay male just starting "out" ~~or a~~ homophobic redneck in need of a cardiac arrest, I highly recommend visiting one of the many gay resorts worldwide (especially those in Greece and Spain.)

do you mean bi-sexual politics?

Bi to all Queers.

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Please remember that when you are in a relationship with someone of the opposite gender you have heterosexual privilege, no matter how bisexual you are. Remember that public displays of affection between you and your opposite-gender lover are safer for you than for a same-gender couple. Remember that lesbians and gay men have very little space that is queer in a heterosexist society, and that queer people should not have to struggle to keep queer space queer. If you want to be publicly affectionate with your opposite-gender lover, you have a great variety of places you can go to - why choose the gay bar?

Bisexual allies: please think carefully before saying things like "bisexuality is the evolution of sexuality." This bi-supremacy is insulting to gay and lesbian sexuality. Please do not try to homogenize gays and lesbians into bisexuality.

Bisexual allies: please remember that we are a diverse group of people and that your experience is not necessarily the same as mine. If you have never taken the risk of being out, or if you have never been in a sexual relationship with someone who is the same gender as you, then please do not tell me you understand my experience. Don't assume that just because you and I are both bisexual that we take the same risks.

Bisexual allies: please remember that it is "fashionable" to be bisexual in alternative circles but that it was not always so. Remember that gay and lesbian people were (and still are) electroshocked, drugged, raped, beaten, and killed in the fight for queer liberation. Now it is safer for us to be out, because of the hard work of lesbians and gay men. Never take that hard work for granted.

To my lesbian and gay allies, who have also been hurtful to me as a bisexual: please remember that I am not your enemy. There is a difference between calling me on my internalized lesbophobia and trashing me by stereotyping all bisexuals when I or another bisexual makes a mistake. We can work together if we tell each other when we make mistakes, in a respectful way.

To my gay and lesbian allies, please remember that not all bisexuals "pass" for straight, and that gay men and lesbian women can also "pass" for being straight. "Passing" is an aspect of living in a homo and lesbophobic society, not an aspect of being bisexual.

To my lesbian, gay, and bisexual allies: please remember that we have all internalized homo, bi and lesbophobia, and heterosexism. We must question our erotic images that portray "sexy" queers as young, thin, white and fully able-bodied or exoticize women of colour. I have been hurt by these stereotypes. Our own stereotyping,our own racism/classism/able-bodyism/anti-Semitism is as hurtful as that in the heterosexual world.

Let's not erase our differences or repress our anger, but let's work on taking care of each other as queers, as allies, as brave and courageous people fighting against heterosexism.

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Victoria arts support LGB

by Craig Lloyd

The performing arts have always been a mainstay for those within the homosexual community.

According to Mark Dusseault, publicist for the Belfry Theatre, there are: "No limitations [to] being involved in the performing arts. It's always been this way, actors, writers, directors, designers, and administration, every level of theatre is represented."

Stephen White, producer of the Victoria Fringe Festival, a teacher at Camosun College, and a member of the queer community said, "Being gay has had no impact of getting work in Victoria."

White said "[I] never encountered a problem within the arts community, there are a large number of homosexuals, it's been this way for years."

Dusseault said "Sexuality is not relevant in becoming a member of the performing arts. If people have a problem, they should look for another line of work." In fact, gays hold powerful positions in Canadian Theatre.

"The environment in the arts community is warm and welcoming. The community does not look at sexuality, but rather they look at talent," said Dusseault.

Whether homosexual writers and actors incorporate sexuality into their work is done on a piece by piece basis.

White said, "Work embraces all aspects of my life, not just my sexuality. Sexuality alone does not define us, it's just an aspect of who we are. It depends on the specific requirements of the production."

"We have a responsibility to challenge and entertain our audience."

The audience reaction to these works are personal. "If people do not like the homosexuality in the play, they will tell us. We have a responsibility to challenge and entertain our audience and sometimes we are going to offend people. It does not matter on the issue," said Dusseault.

One issue which causes boredom in some and overwhelming emotion in others is that of AIDS.

"We do a lot of plays that deal with AIDS. It is something very real that the theatre community faces. We have lost an awful lot of people, and we are still losing a lot of people. AIDS comes into it so much. It is definitely overwhelming. So many people in arts deal with it right in front of us. We deal with it in any way we can [and] try and make a difference," Dusseault said.

Lips Together Teeth Apart, by Terrence McNally, is one example, although there are no homosexual characters in the play. It is about two heterosexual couples who inherit a house on Fire Island from a homosexual relative who died of AIDS.

The Belfry gives tickets to the People With Aids Society, and gives financial support to AIDS Vancouver Island, and the Victoria AIDS Society. It is their way of making things a little easier because they all have lost many friends.

According to both men, members of the theatre community are light-years ahead in their perception of people, and the embrace not only of homosexual ties, but all people who are in the minority.▼

Queer Asians explored

by Brett Grubisic

***Orientations* (56 minutes) directed by Richard Fung**

Not really accepted as is in their national community and often condemned to a restrictive role in the sexual community, lesbian and gay Asians are caught in a double bind.

It is their uncomfortable predicament that Richard Fung's *Orientations* explores.

Fung, a Toronto-based videomaker and writer, better known for his safer-sex work, *Steam Clean/Vapeurs sans peur* as well as *The Way to My Father's Village*, has in this early work limited himself to interviewing a variety of women and men about their experiences within and without Toronto's queer community.

For the most part what they have to say and what they have experienced is not very promising. Within the community they are routinely exoticized - 'lotus blossom' or 'dragon lady'; 'computer geek' or 'ninja'. The men, furthermore, are perceived as essentially passive or asexual, and thus are objects to be 'taken care of' by white masculine imperialism.

Within the community they are routinely exoticized.

The question of how they fit inside their own national community is, oddly, rarely introduced. When it is, though, it is clear that 'the homosexual lifestyle' cannot exist as such. It must remained hidden and nearly erased.

An out lesbian who works in a sari store, for example, makes it clear that her position as a single woman is already scandalous. There is no question of her proclaiming herself lesbian. And for her the familiar, nurturing quality of her people outweighs her loss of identity.

Fung's subjects are sometimes angry at their minority status, but in the final moment, happy that they are able to have a place where they can live in safety.

Neither in nor out, they walk the line between communities attempting equilibrium and sometimes succeeding.▼

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Women on women

by Megan Kaneen

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tix:$7-9

In recognition of international lesbian week, the Victoria Status of Women Action Group (SWAG) is hosting a benefit evening of readings from lesbian-themed banned books.

They want to enlighten the public about the shocking realities of book-banning in Canada.

According to Canada Customs, any single customs officer has the legal authority dictate to what we can and cannot read.

One unelected individual with no formal training in law or literary criticism can deem a book obscene - anonymously, behind closed doors. The obvious result is that the vast majority of judgments made are both homophobic and sexist.

Under these circumstances no author is safe.

"At very least the process should be accountable to the public," said Morag Martin, spokesperson for SWAG.

Canada Customs officers are continually abusing their power by singling out gay and lesbian literature, and finally someone is doing something about it.

Vancouver-based Little Sister's Books and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association have taken the matter to court. They are currently challenging Canada Custom's right to practice prior seizure.

Little Sister's has long been one of Canada Customs' main targets. Entire shipments of books have been seized and confiscated simply because they were destined for the store.

Bookstores must still pay book distributors for the seized books which are often burned.

Under these circumstances no author is safe.

Hothead Paisin: Lesbian Homicidal Terrorist by Diane Dimassa and Big Ass Publications is a comic strip which is routinely confiscated by Canada Customs.

The content is simply tongue in cheek satirical humour, yet it is seized while other more violent heterosexual comics are not.

In fact, an entire shipment of Southern cookbooks was seized when a customs officer merely glanced at the words hot, hotter, hottest in the title and mistook it for Dimassa's comic.

In a similar incident involving bureaucratic bungling, Canada Customs confiscated 15 video cassettes that were destined for Little Sister's Books. The film, *Desert Heart*, had a major theatrical release in the early 1980s and is available in video stores across the country.

The film contains one lesbian love scene which, according to Martin, is "Milk toast compared to *Fatal Attraction*."

Yet, a Canada Customs officer decided it was obscene.

The proceeds from SWAG's benefit evening will be split between SWAG and the Little Sister's Books Court Challenge fund.

Included in the wine and cheese evening will be readings of banned literature from local authors, as well as poetry and performing art from Vancouver guests. Readings will vary from the marginal to the mainstream - from sado-masochistic erotica to Indian legends thousands of years old.

All are urged to show your support for Little Sister's and help dismantle a banning process which is arbitrary, discriminatory, and laughable at best.▼

Dykes document selves

by Nicola

Sisters Sexperts, Queers
edited by Arlene Stein
PLUME Books 1993

Sisters Sexperts, Queers, a collection of articulate essays on the state of the lesbian nation in the early 1990s, is an accessible, well-written commentary on issues of lesbian sex, home, community, art and popular culture.

The authors are diverse - writers, artists, academics and activists. As many as half of the writers came of age in the mid-1980s, giving a youthful mix of voices and ideas.

"Wandering Through Herland," by Maria Maggenti, is hardly a wander. She writes at an incredible pace and takes the reader on a wild ride through her life as an activist in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

As she moves from ACT UP to QUEER NATION and back out the other side, she questions her alliances with gay men and with straight women, with newly-born revolutionaries and burnt-out buddies.

She eventually comes careening back to her love of being a dyke. She affirms the fact that even if it comes and goes, changes face, name and style, the revolution is still moving forward.

Catherine Saalfield makes an eloquent plea for dykes to think twice before they tie the knot. "Lesbian Marriage...(K)not!" speaks to the seemingly dead issue of monogamy and non-monogamy in lesbian relationships.

The 1980s saw a swift turning toward lesbians attempting assimilation and aping heterosexual practices with an amazing variety of wedding and commitment ceremonies springing up in forests and glens across the country.

Saalfield urges dykes to not buy into the dominant culture's ideals and practices because those ideals and practices are sexist and damaging to women and especially to dykes. She argues that as dykes attempt acceptability by getting married, they show the dominant culture a look-alike model of heterosexuality.

Saalfield insists that open relationships are a commitment. A commitment to struggle against deeply-set social conditionings in the face of almost no role models and the often disparaging attitudes of lesbians who devote themselves to coupledom.

Generally, this collection of essays updates dykes as to some of the current thoughts and practices lesbians are up to. It is a book which dykes who came out in the 1980s and 1980s will find especially reflective - even if they didn't live in San Francisco or New York.

Lesbians are grabbing their culture with both hands in the struggle to find and hear the voices of minorities within our movement. We may seem less whole or unified than we did in the idealistic 1970s, but who were we fooling if we thought we were whole before we began expressing our diversity?

We looked and sounded more alike but the fact is, we weren't all talking.▼

Lesbians reclaim pornography

by Cheryl Peterson

When *On Our Backs* first hit magazine stands 10 years ago, lesbian pornography was considered a contradiction in terms. Lesbians were sensual not sexual and read erotica, not pornography. Sadly, these ideas still exist. Softening lesbian sexuality removes its power; through pornography it can be reclaimed.

Lesbians have the right to interpret our own sexuality, to create our own sexual imagery. Graphic sexual imagery gives lesbians visibility, community and power. Paula Wellings, of Little Sister's books in Vancouver, agrees and said it is an "opportunity to see our sexuality represented, which is rare in mainstream [publications]."

Lesbian pornography is growing, but selection is based: "Not so much on what's available as what we can get across the border," said Wellings. Government seizures and harassment from anti-pornography groups are preventing lesbians from attaining sexual autonomy.

Pornography that is by and for lesbians is important because of "the whole issue of sexism," says Wellings, "I don't think it is possible for any man to make erotic images attractive [to lesbians]."

One of the major arguments against pornography is that it is a male industry into which no woman has gone willingly. Lesbians are beginning to prove that pornography is as open to women as any other area of business.

Another argument links pornography to violence. Arlene Stein writes that many women associate pornography with the oppression they face in daily life. Lesbian pornography removes the men from the images and from the production.

To break into the industry, women must publish and market independently. Small presses such as Down There Press, Gynergie Books, Cleis Press and Alyson Press have recently published collections of erotica.

Susie Bright, Heather Findlay, Debra Sundahl, Pat Califia and the Sheba collective have penned some of the most memorable erotica/pornography of the past decade.

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New books to queer your mind

by Bryan Young

Queer Looks
Between the Lines, Toronto
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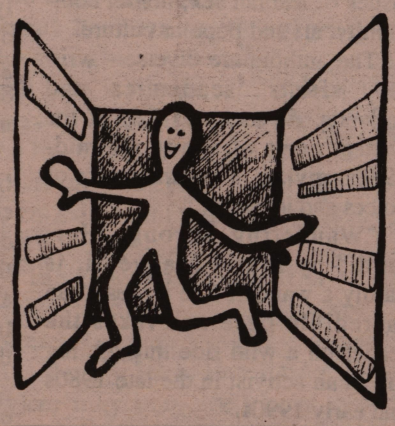
If nothing else, recent collections of lesbian and gay writings have shown that within the porous borders of our queer nation there is a variety and vitality of expression that has come to be one of the defining features celebrated be our communities.

Queer Looks: Perspectives on Lesbian and Gay Film & Video is certainly no exception. The editors - working out of Toronto, New York and London - have assembled a multi-ethnic, many-gendered collection of over 30 pieces that examine queer film that exists outside of the claustrophobic mainstream of straightified Hollywood compromises.

From guerrilla Super-8 films in Manila, to safe-sex shorts and punk-girl porn, *Queer Looks* zooms in on this very queer place in media culture, revealing a wealth of strategies, a plurality of aesthetics and an artillery of resistance.▼



by Robb Stewart

Contested Closets : The Politics and Ethics of Outing
by Larry Gross
Queer in America : Sex, the Media, and the Closets of Power
by Michelangelo Signorile

Want to throw open the closet door? Want to know what it's like to be queer in America?

These books focus on two main themes: the controversy surrounding the practice of "outing" (the revelation of someone's homosexuality by other queers as a political tool), and an examination into the concept of the "closet".

In *Contested Closets*, Larry Gross divides the book into two sections. One, to give the reader his point of view and two, to examine the material on which Gross based his opinions.

Gross starts with an academic discussion of outing. He draws on numerous sources to present both sides of the debate: those who favour outing as a means to expose the hypocrisy of certain powerful people, and those who oppose outing as a violation of privacy. The essay, however, is obviously pro-outing in its stance.

In part two, we find entire excerpts from publications used as sources in the previous section. While there is some distracting repetition in the two sections, the reader is able to examine the quotes in the context of complete articles.

Contested Closets is an excellent read for those interested in queer politics.

Equally good, and perhaps even more obviously queer, is Michelangelo Signorile's *Queer in America*. Covering much of the same material (Signorile was quoted extensively in *Contested Closets*), the Queen of Outing is in top form here.

Signorile covers his life, ACT UP, Queer in New York, Queer in Washington, Queer in Hollywood and Queer in America. Finally, he ends with a powerful Queer Manifesto detailing how we can destroy the closet forever.▼

by B. Padeiro

Maurice
by E.M. Forster
E. Arnold Books
Published 1971

If you're tired of smut, and yearning for an intelligently-written romance, *Maurice*, by E.M. Forster is the novel for you.

The pseudo-autobiography is set in pre-first World War England. It deals with the coming of age of two young men who fall in love.

These two protagonists struggle with their passion, as they avoid incrimination within a rigidly homophobic society.

During this era, the mere thought of homosexuality was considered disgusting. The English judicial system readily imprisoned men for "indecent or ungentlemanly acts."

With this in mind, the author makes countless references to homosexuality as a disease in need of being cured. Gay lust is even associated with devilish temptation.

This forbidden love is further condemned for its departure from Christianity and its supposed roots in Greek literature.

It is safe to say that this novel was considered controversial for its time - it was not published until 1971, a year after the author's death. A lot of the controversy could be due to the story's happy ending. Had it ended with severe incrimination of the lovers, the novel may have been thought morally acceptable.

Merchant Ivory Productions' 1987 adaptation of *Maurice* portrays the storyline of the novel quite accurately. One addition is a scene depicting a court hearing. This effectively demonstrates England's discrimination against homosexual activity.

The picture is very moving, with memorable performances, and some beautiful outdoor shots of Cambridge University and Wiltshire. Also, the two principal characters (especially Hugh Grant) were cute.

In imitating the novel's choppy style, however, the film loses its fluidity, rendering it difficult to follow at times.

The film ends with a very subtle scene which, oddly, gives light to a puzzling question never answered in the novel.▼

by Cheryl Peterson

Macho Sluts
by Pat Califia
Alyson Productions, Boston
1988

Pat Califia's *Macho Sluts* is an eye-opening collection of erotic fiction from the sadomasochist's point of view.

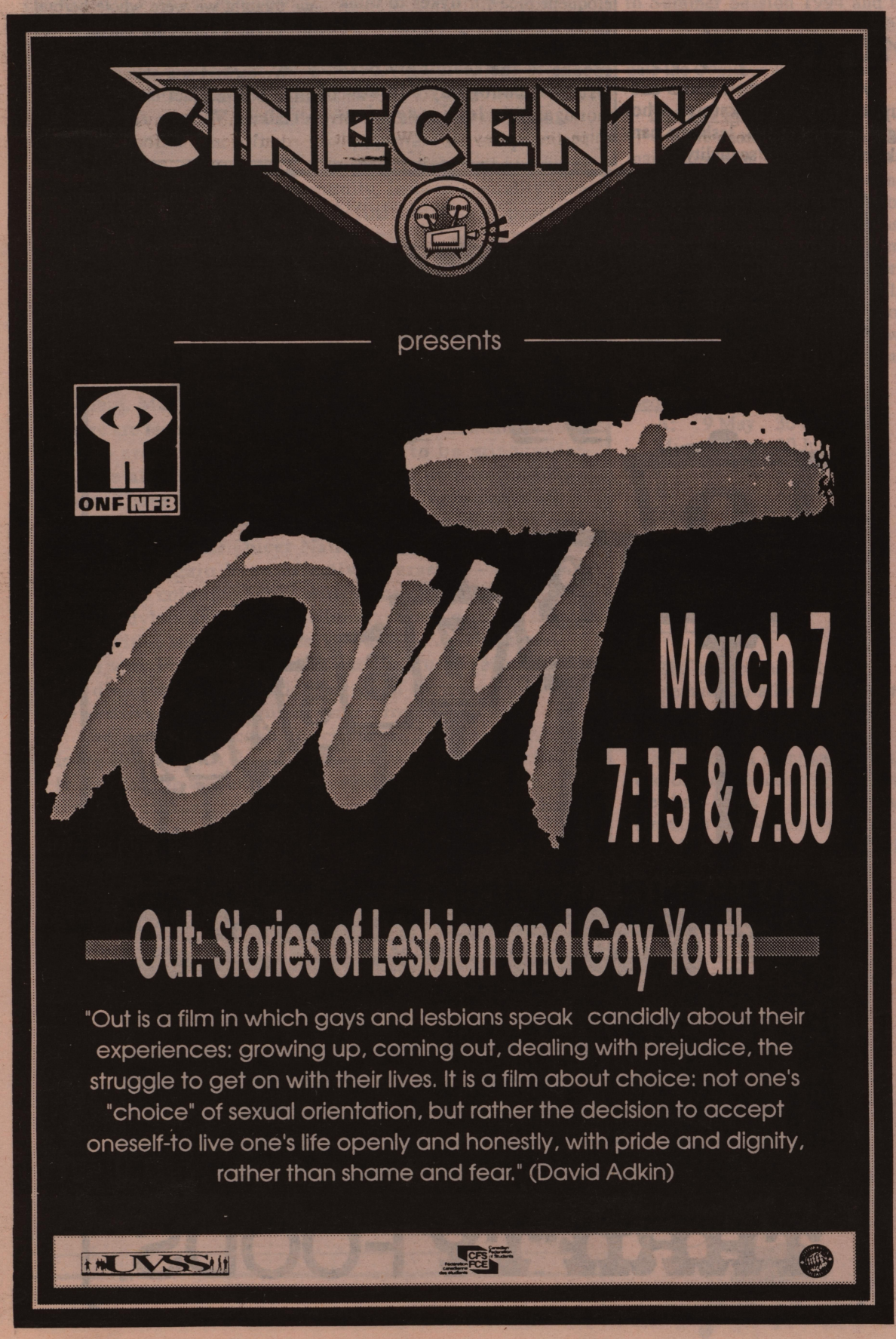
Califia does not try to justify or explain this lifestyle, but allows her characters to speak and act freely. She acknowledges in her introduction that many women will find the book offensive, pornographic, or misogynistic.

Califia's characters are strong and well-rounded. Her stories are longer than those in most collections, allowing her to explore more of the interactions surrounding the sex itself.

In "Jessie," after an evening of almost anonymous sex, the characters face each other after coffee the next morning. Rather than the typical one-paragraph dreamy denouement Califia provides a three-page epilogue to deal with an awkward situation.

Such attention to detail puts *Macho Sluts* a notch above the rest.

Macho Sluts is graphic and at times violent. It's not for everyone. Califia asks us to see it as "A valentine in its original form, a cunt held open by a woman's trusting fingers."▼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Vikes lose in tough weekend

by Tracy Nishimura

McKinnon Gym saw some spectacular volleyball action this past weekend. However, the UVic men were unable to prevail either night in their last home games of the season.

According to Vikes' head coach Paul Smith, an experienced Calgary team came through when it came down to the crunch.

Simon Bright's jump serve wooed the crowd.

While the UVic statistics looked impressive on Friday night, their errors brought on their downfall.

Simon Bright's jump serve wooed the crowd and garnered two service aces to add to his 23 kills for UVic.

UVic's Brent Schmor racked up 19 kills, and Todd Morrison and Shawn Boulding dived in to add 14 and 13 digs, respectively. However, the Vikes men's volleyball team suffered a frustrating loss against Calgary Dinos.

The Vikes came out roaring to take the first and third games 15-13 and 15-5. However, the Dinos grabbed the second game 15-11. Game four was a point- for -point battle that resulted in a 15-11 Dino's victory.

The final game - at 15-8 - gave the match to Calgary.

Early on Saturday night, the Dino's picked up where they left off and won the first two games 10-15 and 12-15.

But the Vikes were running cleaner in the third game and didn't disappoint the hometeam fans with an early point streak, finishing it off with a score of 15-11.

Schmor was the overall notable player for the Vikes on Saturday with four service- aces, 16 kills and nine digs. Morrison pitched in again with 16 digs and Boulding added in 13 digs to the Vikes stats tally.

The fourth game proved to be the fatal game for the Vikes, but not without a fight to the bitter end. Calgary stole the fourth game from the Vikes with a close score of 16-14.

The Vikes lost all games in tough weekend matches against the Calgary Dinosaurs

The UVic women's volleyball team had a disappointing weekend against the University of Calgary. The Dino's swept UVic 15-5, 15-6 and 15-4 in a quick Friday match.

On Saturday night the Vikes stepped it up but, the Dino's made two more fast victories over the Vikes 15-6 and 15-2.

The Vikes bounced back into the beginning of the third game with a punch and some spectacular digs by UVic's Ingrid Tutt, but still lost to Calgary 15-6.▼

Locals will compete when gay games take New York

by Branwen Hainsworth

There will be a large rainbow over New York City this June as 15,000 athletes from all over the world descend upon Central Park for the 1994 Gay Games.

The Games, held from June 18 to 25, will be the largest sporting event ever in terms of participants. Games organizers are expecting 5,000 more athletes than there were at the Barcelona Olympics.

From our part of the world, the Vancouver Island Sisters' fastball team will be travelling to New York to compete. Some members of the team will also be competing in tennis and long-distance running events.

There's a lot of talent on the team and the players look forward to their trip to New York with much confidence and enthusiasm.

Their attitude in the past has contributed to their success. Hopefully, their winning attitude will continue to see them to victory in New York.

Perhaps that's the gold at the end of their rainbow.

The rainbow is the symbol of the gay community. Its individual colors represent the many individuals of the community and the rainbow itself represents the community's solidarity.

It will be this solidarity that brings over 500,000 participants to New York City for the Games, a Cultural Festival of music, art, drama and dance and the 25th anniversary commemoration of Stonewall.▼

Lesbigays hit volleyball

by Shawn Hall

Being openly queer does not always mean struggling in politics and society for recognition. It can also mean finding groups of people to play with.

The Fernwood Community Centre is host to the Victoria Lesbian Gay Bisexual volleyball league every Sunday at 7p.m..

Teams are formed every week from the up to 24 people who show. Anyone is welcome.

"It's a very casual group," said James Austin, an AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI) worker involved in the volleyball. "We want to emphasize the social aspects of a sporting event."

He said other volleyball leagues are often very competitive and expensive.

At $4 drop-in, the LGB group could hardly be called expensive. Beyond cost, mainstream sports groups - with their strict stereotypes - can often intimidate some people.

"A lot of gays and lesbians don't feel comfortable going to the Y or other groups," said Austin.

After four years running, LGB volleyball can provide a stable ground for those who just want to socialize in a queer-friendly environment.▼

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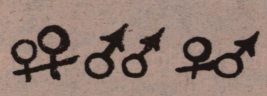
FRIDAY, FEB. 18

"A molecular safari in search of the evolutionary and structural relationship among nuclear sperm proteins." Juan Ausio lectures 3pm, Cunn. 146.

Angela Redish will speak on **"The evolution of the classical gold standard: the case of France,"** 2:30-4pm, Cornett B335a.

"The caravan to Cuba: a border incident." Cafe Simpatico will house a multimedia presentation with additional music by Kumbia.



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Free film festival featuring short lesbigay works like *Orientations* and *Tongues Untied.* Feb. 17, 12-5pm, library room 296.

Calling for submissions. *The Emily's* **International Women's Day issue** is coming up and needs submissions and/or help with production. Deadline Feb 28; issue production March 5-6.

STUDENT BODIES

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Women's Centre

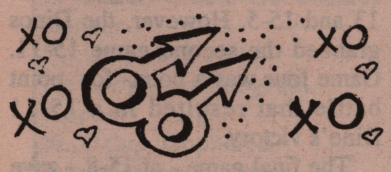
(1)Make the effort this semester, get involved. Volunteers, committee members needed. Collective meetings Tues, 12:30. Or drop in anytime.

(2)We have a project to create a listing of women-positive lawyers. Hopefully this will aid women in choosing the right lawyer. If you have any information please call the Centre @ 721 8353 and leave a message for Colette and Ana

(3)Facilitated, self-help support group for survivors of date and acquaintance rape meets every Monday @ 4:30 in the Centre. Contact 721 8353 for more info.

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance

Hey fellow homos! Come be part of the LGBA, a loose collection of women and men like you who get together mostly for fun, sometimes to actually do something. Don't be shy! Drop In: SUB 137a T/Th 11:30-2:30.



UVic Outdoors Club

We meet every Wednesday at 5:30 in Elliot 060 to make plans for hiking, cycling, kayaking and more. Everybody is welcome.

Native Plant Committee

Have you ever thought about your natural areas on campus? Come join us every Tues. @ 2:30 in SUB 173a. We need your ideas and help.

The Homebrew Club

Interested in learning to brew? Or in showing off your brewing skills?. Come and join us every Friday in SUB 137a @ 3pm. Contact Jason @ 477 7196.

Jewish Student Group

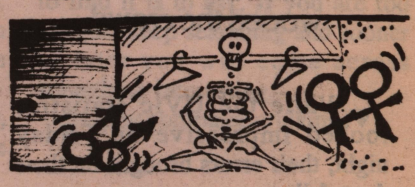
Religious Jews, atheist Jews, paternal Jews - Or Lapidem Hillel promotes social interaction and Jewish identity among the Jewish young adults of Victoria. Contact Rohanna @ 595 5877 for information and about events.

Sailing Club

Be a Viking - join the Sailing Club! For info contact Troy @ 592 1892 or Chris @ 477 3672 or come to Gyro Park Sat./Sun. from 11:00 to 4:00.

Debating Union

UVic's non-political debating union now meets every Monday 4:30 Cle C110. For more info: Sam @ 721 1204.



UVic Students For Literacy

There are people in your community who cannot read or write. Call Suzanne for details @ 389 4029..

German Club

Annoucing a **Kaffeehaus.** 9-4:30pm. SUB foyer, Friday, Feb. 18.

Commonwealth Club

There is much more to the commonwealth of nations than the Games every four years. We meet Fridays @ 2:30, Cle B446. Call Ann or Adrian @ 472 0025 or Chris @ 721 1653 for more information.

UVic Chinese Friends Club

Chinese movie night. We will present 2 movies, 7-11pm, Hodges 102. Contact Alfred (Cantonese) @ 721 1688 or Derek (Mandarin) @ 721 9236 for details.

Pacific and Asian Studies Student Society

We invite you to a **far east feast** at Don Mee's. Feb. 3, 7pm. Ticket info @ P&A reading room

Date Rape and Dating Violence Education Project

Help promote safe and healthy sexual relationships! Join the Project. Contact Tina @ 721 8353 for more exciting details and meeting times.

Peer Helping Centre

Feeling stressed out? Need to vent? Or just want to talk about something? Come and see us, upstairs in the University Centre, Room 202. **Anyone interested in next year's program:** interview deadline is Feb. 25.

Creating Empowered Communities

Making social change from the bottom up (the only way it has ever happened!). Tuesdays at 12-1pm in Cornett A132.

UVic Bridge Club

A good time is in the cards...when you play bridge. We meet Sundays 11-2pm in the SUB Upper Lounge, beginning Feb 6. Contact Jane @ 383 6240 for more information.

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8:30-4:00 Monday to Friday,
12:00-4:00 Saturday

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Environmental Studies Students' Association

We meet weekly Wednesdays @ 12:45 Sedg C168. ESSA office: Sedg C189.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

An inter-denominational Christian club, we meet weekly on Tu., Wed. and Thurs evenings. We have social events, potluck evenings and prayer concerts. Call Michelle @ 592 2281 or Todd @ 361 9205. All are welcome.

Chinese Christian Fellowship

Want a closer relationship with Jesus Christ? You are welcome to join us every Wed.@ 7:30, Cle C118. For more info Xi-Wei @ 389 0774 or Le-Zhen @ 477 3805.

Young Liberal Club

"Calling all young liberals." We are looking for a few good women and men who are interested in Canadian politics. We meet every Friday at 4:30pm in the Gordon Head Pub. Contact Dean Crawford @ 382 2805.

UVic Juggling Club

Learn how to juggle in 15 minutes! We meet Mon. and Thurs. 6-7pm in the McKinnon building apparatus gym. Contact Rich @ 361 4997.

UVic Students For Literacy

If you are concerned about illiteracy in our community, there are three ways to get involved: fundraising, help raise awareness, or tutor a learner. Call 384 3038 for more info.

Bakhti Yoga Club

We are teaching the science of loving devotion to the Supreme. Offering pure vegetarian food every Tuesday, 4-6pm, SUB Upper Lounge.

Internat'l Women's Day Film Fest and Open House Planning Committee

Fridays @ 12pm in the Women's Centre. All welcome.

Anti-Racism and Discrimination Committee

"Do you want to work for social change?" We meet every Wed. in SUB 137A 4:30—**Unlearning racism workshop**: Jan. 21-23. Info: contact Jacquie @ 598 1831..

Body Image Committee

33,000 American women told researchers they would rather lose 10-15 pounds than achieve any other goal. Do you see this as a problem? Our committee meets every Thursday in the SUB. For more info contact Christie Shaw at VIPIRG.

Association of International and Canadian Students

We welcome people to join our club. **Executive meetings** are on Thurs. at 5pm in Cle C305. For more information contact Vy @ 721 5337. **This week** *Kanehsatake: 279 Years of Resistance*, Feb. 17, 6pm. Cle A303.

Model United Nations Club

We meet on Tues. eves at 6pm in Elliot 061. New members always welcome. Speakers, U.N. simulations, socials and more!

UVic Medieval Club

Come out and experience the current Middle Ages with us. We create all aspects of medieval life from hand combat to gentler arts of needlework. Contact Kyndra @ 472 0305.

French Club

Venez aux Coffee Gardens pour rejoindre des membres du Club Français pour du café et de la conversation. Lundi: 11h30-12h30; mercredi: 2h30-3h30. Cherchez les drapeaux sur notre table. Tous niveaux!

Student Employment Centre

We have moved and are now located in Room 110, Campus Services Building. Visit the Centre regularly to view summer, career and part-time/casual job opportunities. We also have a resource library and info. on study or work overseas. We also offer **job search help** and **resume workshops**. Come see us for details.

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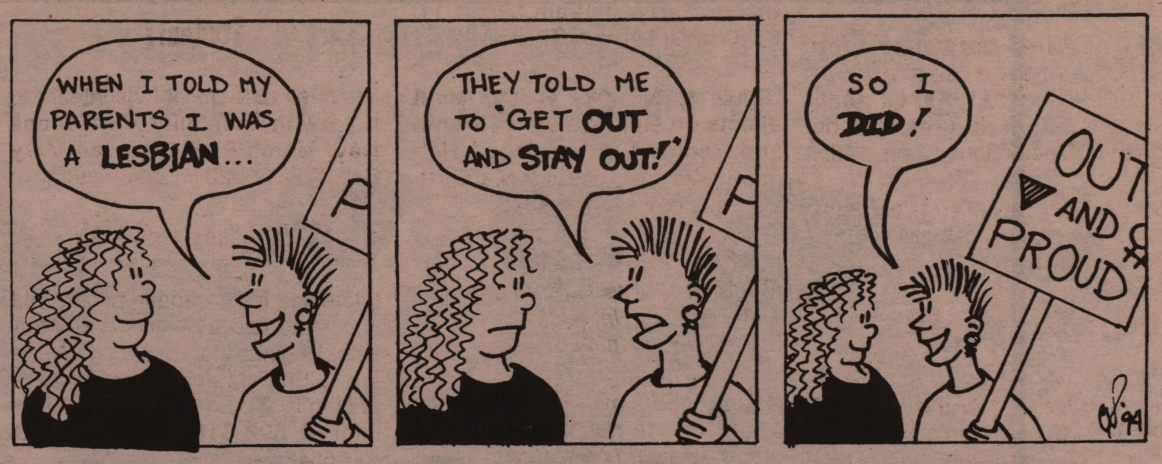

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WB Coulter, *The Advocate*

SPIN CYCLE CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS POSTED ON *MARTLET* OFFICE DOOR, SUB ROOM 108. THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT *MARTLET*.

UVic Science Fiction Club

We invite you to spend an evening with local authors Dale Sproule and Sally McBride. Thursday, Feb. 17 @ 7pm, Cle C305. Free, refreshments available.

Native Students' Union

We have weekly social gatherings Mondays 6pm, Cle C108, with pizza every second week. Business are held Fridays 12:30 MacL A323, coffee provided. Call 721 7864 for information.

Creative Writing Students' Guild

Every Thursday in the SUB will be the CWSG "Feed 'n Read." We sell donuts for your tummy and literature for your mind. Help support the creative process.

Society of Undergrad Math and Stats

We hold meetings every Monday at 2:30pm at the corner of A/D wing in Clearihue. Free donuts and caffeine. Everyone Welcome.

Counselling Services

Information on the following workshops available in Counselling Services, Rm. B202, University Centre or @ 721 8341.

Assertion Training. Eating Disorders group. Goals and Values. Stress Management.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Closed meeting. Fridays 11:30-12:20pm. Contact Counselling Services for room number.

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To the 3rd Poole ladies; hard-working ladies of the United Council; Jen H.; Hana M. & Lyda H.; Kyla (WIL); Michelle and Trina; Nicole L. (WA); The Housing Staff; Paula J. Jen W. & Erma S.;**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

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he said i can't spend much time with you she said why he said you smile too much it bugs me it drives me crazy she said what the hell do you know.

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